

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

Case number (if known)

Chapter you are filing under:

☐ Chapter 7

☐ Chapter 11

☐ Chapter 12

☒ Chapter 13

☐ Check if this an amended filing

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## Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, “Do you own a car,” the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

**Part 1:** Identify Yourself

About Debtor 1:

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

1. Your full name

Write the name that is on your government-issued picture identification (for example, your driver's license or passport).

Kawana

First name

Middle name

Bring your picture identification to your meeting with the trustee.

Crawford-Johnson

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

First name

Middle name

Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)

2. All other names you have used in the last 8 years

Include your married or maiden names.

Kawana Crawford

3. Only the last 4 digits of your Social Security number or federal Individual Taxpayer Identification number (ITIN)

xxx-xx-4535

Debtor 1 Kawana Crawford-Johnson

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**About Debtor 1:**

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

**4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years**

☒ I have not used any business name or EINs.

☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.

Include trade names and  
doing business as names

Business name(s)

Business name(s)

EINs

EINs

**5. Where you live**

3600 Peach Grove Ln  
Hazel Crest, IL 60429

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Cook

County

**If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.

PO Box 437357  
Chicago, IL 60643

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:**

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

County

**If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here.** Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.

Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

**6. Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy**

Check one:

☒ Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.

☐ I have another reason.  
Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)

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**Part 2: Tell the Court About Your Bankruptcy Case**

7. **The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are choosing to file under** *Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.*
- ☐ Chapter 7
- ☐ Chapter 11
- ☐ Chapter 12
- ☒ Chapter 13
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8. **How you will pay the fee** ☐ **I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition.** Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with a pre-printed address.
- ☒ **I need to pay the fee in installments.** If you choose this option, sign and attach the *Application for Individuals to Pay The Filing Fee in Installments* (Official Form 103A).
- ☐ **I request that my fee be waived** (You may request this option only if you are filing for Chapter 7. By law, a judge may, but is not required to, waive your fee, and may do so only if your income is less than 150% of the official poverty line that applies to your family size and you are unable to pay the fee in installments). If you choose this option, you must fill out the *Application to Have the Chapter 7 Filing Fee Waived* (Official Form 103B) and file it with your petition.
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9. **Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?** ☐ No.
- ☒ Yes.
- |  |   |                     |                             |
|--|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|
|  | District <u>Northern District of Illinois</u> | When <u>3/03/11</u> | Case number <u>11-08909</u> |
|  | District _____                                | When _____          | Case number _____           |
|  | District _____                                | When _____          | Case number _____           |
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10. **Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?** ☒ No
- ☐ Yes.
- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| Debtor _____   | Relationship to you _____              |
| District _____ | When _____ Case number, if known _____ |
| Debtor _____   | Relationship to you _____              |
| District _____ | When _____ Case number, if known _____ |
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11. **Do you rent your residence?** ☒ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Has your landlord obtained an eviction judgment against you and do you want to stay in your residence?
- ☐ No. Go to line 12.
- ☐ Yes. Fill out *Initial Statement About an Eviction Judgment Against You* (Form 101A) and file it with this bankruptcy petition.

Debtor 1 Kawana Crawford-Johnson

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**Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor****12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time business?**☒ No. Go to Part 4.☐ Yes. Name and location of business

A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC.

If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition.

Name of business, if any \_\_\_\_\_

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Check the appropriate box to describe your business:*

- ☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- ☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- ☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- ☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- ☐ None of the above

**13. Are you filing under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and are you a small business debtor?**

*If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B).*

☒ No. I am not filing under Chapter 11.☐ No. I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.☐ Yes. I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code.

For a definition of *small business debtor*, see 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D).

**Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention****14. Do you own or have any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any property that needs immediate attention?**☒ No.☐ Yes.

What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

If immediate attention is needed, why is it needed? \_\_\_\_\_

*For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed, or a building that needs urgent repairs?*

Where is the property? \_\_\_\_\_

Number, Street, City, State &amp; Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling**

**15. Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.**

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

**About Debtor 1:**

*You must check one:*

- ☒ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.**

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you **MUST** file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

- ☐ **I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.**

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

- ☐ **I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:**

- ☐ **Incapacity.** I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

- ☐ **Disability.** My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

- ☐ **Active duty.** I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

**About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):**

*You must check one:*

- ☐ **I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.**

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

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**Part 6: Answer These Questions for Reporting Purposes**

<b>16. What kind of debts do you have?</b>	16a.	<b>Are your debts primarily consumer debts?</b> <i>Consumer debts</i> are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16b.	<b>Are your debts primarily business debts?</b> <i>Business debts</i> are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment. <input type="checkbox"/> No. Go to line 16c. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes. Go to line 17.
	16c.	State the type of debts you owe that are not consumer debts or business debts _____

<b>17. Are you filing under Chapter 7?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.	I am not filing under Chapter 7. Go to line 18.
<b>Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes.	I am filing under Chapter 7. Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses are paid that funds will be available to distribute to unsecured creditors? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes

<b>18. How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000
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<b>19. How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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<b>20. How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million	<input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion
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**Part 7: Sign Below**

**For you**

I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.

If I have chosen to file under Chapter 7, I am aware that I may proceed, if eligible, under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code. I understand the relief available under each chapter, and I choose to proceed under Chapter 7.

If no attorney represents me and I did not pay or agree to pay someone who is not an attorney to help me fill out this document, I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I understand making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

/s/ Kawana Crawford-Johnson

Kawana Crawford-Johnson  
Signature of Debtor 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Debtor 2

Executed on March 18, 2016  
MM / DD / YYYY

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
MM / DD / YYYY

Debtor 1 Kawana Crawford-Johnson

Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

**For your attorney, if you are represented by one****If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page.**

I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Kari Beyer

Signature of Attorney for Debtor

Date

March 18, 2016

MM / DD / YYYY

Kari Beyer

Printed name

LAF

Firm name

120 S. LaSalle, Suite 900Chicago, IL 60603-3425

Number, Street, City, State &amp; ZIP Code

Contact phone 312-341-1070

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

ARDC 6291397

Bar number &amp; State

## Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

### This notice is for you if:

**You are an individual filing for bankruptcy,**  
and

**Your debts are primarily consumer debts.**  
*Consumer debts* are defined in 11 U.S.C.  
§ 101(8) as "incurred by an individual  
primarily for a personal, family, or  
household purpose."

### The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under  
one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for family farmers or  
fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan  
for individuals with regular  
income

**You should have an attorney review your  
decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of  
chapter.**

### Chapter 7: Liquidation

\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
+	\$15 trustee surcharge
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;



most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A-1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form—the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A-2). The calculations on the form—sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

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## Chapter 11: Reorganization

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	\$1,167	filing fee
+	\$550	administrative fee
	\$1,717	total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

### Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

#### Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

#### Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

### **Warning: File Your Forms on Time**

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to:  
[http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\\_forms.html#procedure](http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure).

### **Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences**

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

### **Make sure the court has your mailing address**

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

### **Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies**

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days **before** you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from:  
[http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc\\_approved.html](http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html).

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to:  
<http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCreditAndDebtCounselors.aspx>.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list.

B2030 (Form 2030) (12/15)

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of Illinois**

In re Kawana Crawford-Johnson

Debtor(s)

Case No.

Chapter 13

**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR(S)**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

For legal services, I have agreed to accept .....	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Prior to the filing of this statement I have received .....	\$	<u>0.00</u>
Balance Due .....	\$	<u>0.00</u>

2. \$ 0.00 of the filing fee has been paid.

3. The source of the compensation paid to me was:

☐ Debtor ☒ Other (specify): Attorney's normal salary from LAF

4. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

☐ Debtor ☒ Other (specify): Attorney's normal salary from LAF

5. ☒ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation is attached.

6. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

- a. Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;
- b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs and plan which may be required;
- c. Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;
- d. Representation of the debtor in adversary proceedings and other contested bankruptcy matters;
- e. [Other provisions as needed]

7. By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee does not include the following service:

Adversary proceedings seeking (1) undue hardship discharge of student loans under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8), or (2) eviction of any tenants of debtor. If requested, LAF may represent debtor in non-bankruptcy matters according to LAF priority guidelines; however, this will require a separate decision.

**CERTIFICATION**

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

March 18, 2016

*Date*

/s/ Kari Beyer

Kari Beyer

Signature of Attorney

LAF

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Name of law firm

### LAF RETAINER AGREEMENT

I, Kawana Crawford-Johnson, request and authorize LAF to represent me for the following legal problem by providing the following services:

Chapter 13 bankruptcy  
(description of legal problem)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(description of legal services to be provided)

### SCOPE OF THIS AGREEMENT

**I understand the following:**

- **LAF has not agreed to represent me until an LAF employee signs this retainer on the last page.**
- LAF will decide whether to represent me based on the nature of my problem, the facts of my case, and LAF's resources.
- If my case is accepted for representation, I will get a copy of this agreement, signed by LAF. If my case is not accepted, I will get a letter saying so.
- If my case is accepted, it is only for the services written above.
- If the court or agency makes a decision that is not fully favorable to me, this agreement does **not** require LAF to file an appeal. LAF **may** agree to do so and will let me know as soon as possible.
- If the court or agency awards me a judgment for money, this agreement does not require LAF to collect that money.
- LAF may end this agreement and stop representing me for certain reasons, which are stated in Section 7.

### STATEMENT OF TERMS

#### **1) COOPERATION:**

**I agree to cooperate fully with LAF.** This means, among other things, to tell the truth about my case, income and assets; to help LAF get all the facts about my case; to tell LAF right away if my address or phone number change, or if my assets and income change; and to keep all appointments with LAF, including required court dates. (If I cannot keep an appointment, I will notify LAF as soon as possible.)

#### **2) ETHICAL SERVICE:**

**LAF agrees to act according to applicable ethical rules.** This means, among other things, telling me about important events in my case. My case may be assigned to a non-attorney who is supervised by an attorney.

LAF will keep my information confidential as required by ethical rules. However, I **give LAF permission to reveal information about me or my case whenever LAF needs to do so to investigate my case and represent me.** LAF can also

reveal information when it believes the law, legal ethics, or LAF's funders require LAF to do so. LAF is required to reveal confidential information if necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm. LAF will always use reasonable care to protect my private information.

If LAF files a lawsuit in my case, federal law requires LAF to disclose: 1) my name and address; 2) the opposing party's name and address; 3) a description of my case; 4) the case number and court. This information may become available to the general public. I agree that LAF may make these disclosures. LAF will not disclose this information if LAF believes that doing so would put me at risk of physical harm.

**I also agree that LAF may disclose or discuss any information about my case that is in court documents or other public documents.** LAF may make statements to, for example, the media, LAF's funders, or other organizations. I give LAF permission to do so. If I do not want LAF to discuss my case, I will ask my LAF attorney not to do so.

### **3) SETTLEMENT:**

LAF may discuss with the other side the possibility of reaching an agreement (usually a compromise) that resolves my problem, instead of having the court or agency decide my case. That agreement is called a "settlement." **I have the final say in whether to offer or accept any settlement.** I agree to tell my attorney right away about any settlement offers I get. I agree not to settle the case without talking to my attorney first. LAF will always tell me of any settlement offers from the other side. Section 4 and 5, below, say more about settlements.

### **4) REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS:**

LAF may pay certain costs in my case, such as filing charges and expert witness fees. LAF may also have to pay for services such as printing, copying, or court reporting.

LAF will ask the court to make the other side pay these costs when the law allows it to. If the court orders the other side to pay costs, I agree that the costs can be paid back directly to LAF and not to me. **If LAF pays costs and cannot get paid back from the other side, I will pay those costs.** If the court awards me money or I get money in a settlement, I agree that LAF can pay itself back for its costs with that money. LAF may decide I do not have to pay costs if I cannot afford them.

### **5) ATTORNEYS' FEES:**

In some cases, the law allows LAF to claim attorneys' fees from the other side. **LAF has my permission to seek, collect and keep attorneys' fees in those cases.** Fees are an important part of LAF's budget. LAF uses fees to help other clients who cannot afford an attorney. LAF will never ask me to pay fees with money I already have.

**LAF may get more money in fees than I get if I win.** This is because courts

award fees by multiplying the number of hours the attorney (or paralegal) worked by a reasonable rate per hour. The fees do not depend on how much I get. If the case takes a lot of time, the fees can be a lot more than the amount that goes to the winning party.

**I agree that LAF can take its fees out of money from a settlement.** LAF will never take more than the court could have awarded—LAF's hours of work multiplied by an hourly rate. The other side might offer money to settle without saying how much goes to me, and how much goes to LAF. If that happens, LAF will let me know how much I would get and how much LAF would get. LAF's share will be, *at the most*, the fees a court could award, plus the costs described in Section 4. LAF may decide to take less.

**After LAF tells me how the settlement would be divided, it is my decision whether to accept the settlement offer.** LAF will discuss the decision with me. I can ask a non-LAF lawyer, at my expense, for advice on whether to take a settlement when LAF takes part of it as its fees and costs. I will let LAF know if I choose to do that.

**If I get a judgment in my favor that includes fees or costs, LAF has my permission to have another law firm of its choice collect the entire judgment.** LAF will only do this if LAF believes it is the best way to collect as much of the judgment as possible. The collecting firm may be allowed to reimburse *its* costs and keep the first 30% of the money collected. The remaining money collected will be divided between me and LAF in the same proportion as my part of the judgment is to LAF's part. I authorize the collecting firm to endorse checks made out to me in this process. LAF will let me know whenever any part of my judgment is collected and arrange for me to receive my part of it.

Even if I end this agreement, LAF has the right to seek fees for the work it did, and costs.

**6) SPECIFIC CONDITIONS OF REPRESENTATION (initial any that apply):**

LAF will only represent me if I agree to the following conditions, and can end this agreement if LAF determines I have not complied with them:

\_\_\_\_ On or before the \_\_\_\_th of each month, I will deposit with LAF \$\_\_\_\_, my monthly rent/mortgage amount, for LAF to keep in an escrow account;

\_\_\_\_ I will sign releases permitting LAF to obtain my (or my children's) medical, psychological, educational, or other confidential records;

\_\_\_\_ I will agree to settle the case, if possible, on the following terms:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**7) ENDING THIS AGREEMENT:**

This is an agreement **only** for the matter described on page 1. It will end automatically when that case ends.

If the court or agency permits it, I may end this agreement before that time by telling LAF that I no longer want it to be my attorney. If I do that, LAF does not have to get another attorney to represent me.

LAF may end this agreement if

- I do not comply with any part of it;
- LAF cannot locate me;
- I am no longer financially eligible;
- I do not obey a court order that LAF advises me to obey; or
- Ethical rules require LAF to stop representing me.

If there are other reasons why LAF cannot continue to represent me, LAF will let me know.

**8) COMPLAINT PROCEDURES**

If I have a complaint about LAF, I have the right to have it reviewed as follows:


First, a supervisory attorney will review my complaint and try to solve the problem. If I am not satisfied that the problem was solved, I may have the complaint reviewed by LAF's Executive Director, or someone she designates.

If that person does not resolve my complaint, I may then have my complaint reviewed by a committee or sub-committee of the Board of Directors of LAF.

All complaints will be reviewed within a reasonable period of time after they are made, but no longer than 60 days.


**SIGNATURES**

By signing this agreement, I am stating that I have read it or have had it explained to me, and I understand it and agree.

  
Client

Date: 3-18-16

LAF agrees to represent on the terms set forth in this retainer agreement.

  
Attorney or Paralegal - for LAF

Supervising Attorney (of paralegal)  
Date: 3/18/16



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